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in civil hospitals, 88; in military hospitals, 5; in Santa Casa de Misericordia, 48; in asylums, convents, etc., 4; in vessels in port, 0; in unknown localities, 3.

The daily average of deaths was 56, in comparison with 47.42 during the previous week and with 44.71 for the corresponding week of 1903. This number gives an annual coefficient per 1,000 of the population—reckoned at 850,000—of 24.11.

The highest range of the thermometer was on the 4th instant, 24.3° C., and the lowest on the 31st ultimo, 18.1° C., and the average for the week was 21.23° C. The total rainfall was 15.11 and the average daily fall was 2.15 mm.

During the week there were 41 marriages and 300 births recorded in the office of the registrar.

Plague hospital at Jurajuba, State of Rio de Janeiro.

On Sunday, the 6th instant, accompanied by Mr. Chamberlain, the vice and deputy consul-general of the United States in Brazil, I made a visit to the plague hospital at Jurajuba, across the bay, about one hour by steam launch. At the date of my visit there were 105 patients in the hospital. Having some months ago made a report upon this hospital, I have nothing more to add, except that it was in as good order and as well managed at this time, when it is well filled, as it was at the date of my former visit, when there were some 7 cases in hospital.

Much use of intraperitoneal injections has been made there lately with very good results, the serum acting in a very prompt and satisfactory manner. I saw several cases of a cutaneous variety which I had never seen before in other countries; these cases were, as a rule, the worst and most rapidly fatal. The majority of cases are, however, of the bubonic form, with a very few of the pneumonic variety.

Almost 20 per cent of the cases were children, and at least 40 per cent were women and children. One singular fact—noticed at once by myself and concurred in by the physician in charge of the hospital—was that the women patients, as a rule, seemed to be of a better class of life than the male patients. I saw some cases among the upper classes of both sexes, however, and some cases that had been very serious. The serum used is manufactured in this city at the Pasteur Institute and is most satisfactory.

In my next report I will send a résumé of the plague situation here in this city since the beginning of this year with tabulated figures of cases and deaths.

I inclose a newspaper clipping relative to the visit of the French and German yellow-fever commissions to this city this year. The German commission was not a Government one as was the French, but was sent out by the city of Hamburg, as previously reported to your office.

Case on Austria not plague.

Referring to my dispatch of date of the 1st instant as to the removal of 1 case of suspicious illness from the British bark *Austria*, after proper examination of this sailor it was found that he was not suffering from bubonic plague, and he was therefore removed to another hospital.